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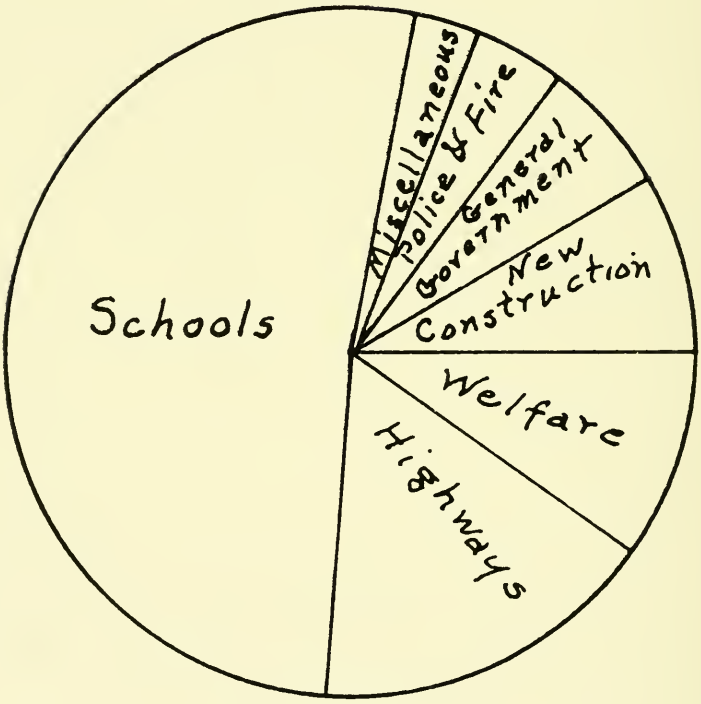

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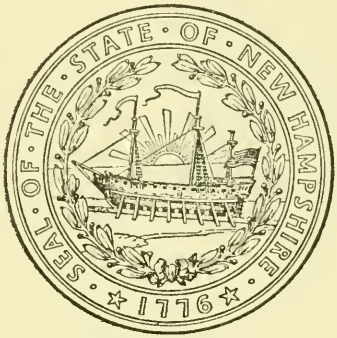

For the Fiscal Years Ending

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

ERLAND WADHAMS

Town Clerk

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS

Selectmen

CLYDE F. MOSHER "56"

FLETCHER M. DeWOLF "57"

ERLAND WADHAMS "58"

Road Agent

CHARLES REYNOLDS

Treasurer & Clerk

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS

Tax Collector

ANDREW S. ABBOTT

Police Officer

LEO CORLISS - Chief

Specials

KEN HALL - EDWIN SHARP - LYLE BUCKLIN

Auditor

HERBERT FISKE

Overseer of Poor

FLETCHER M. DeWOLF

Trustee of Trust Funds

J. ROGER TURNBULL

Supervisors

HERBERT I. FISKE EUGENE L. COOLIDGE

AMY MERRILL

Budget Committee

H. CLYDE GRAY ARCHIE H. BUCKLIN

RAY SARGENT WESLEY PLATTS

HARRY B. RAMSEY

Janitor

LEWIS GRAY

Forest Fire Warden

LYLE R. GALE

Deputy Fire Wardens

ANDREW ABBOTT EUGENE COOLIDGE (Spec.)
RAYMOND HUTCHINS CLYDE F. MOSHER
FLETCHER DeWOLF CARLETON BLANCHARD

YOUR SELECTMEN'S QUERY

This is our selectmen's report for 1955, designed to answer a few of your questions as taxpayers. "What does it cost me and where does my money go?"....You may ask.

The answers are brief for limit of space but we are available for further personal explanations.

Q. Just what is this long-range road improvement plan?

A. The long range road program is to eventually blade mix and reconstruct the mail route. We plan to continue with another mile of black top this year. It was hoped that we might speed up the program this year but due to other necessary expenses and higher costs than anticipated, we feel that it would be advisable to put off for one or two years any major project of this type.

Q. What's the story on this grader?

A. The grader, after consideration of immediate need, was rented by the town under contract until town meeting time. Then, we hold the option to buy, the rent paid from road agent's funds being credited from purchase price. This used Gallion is in good condition and guaranteed. The cost to town will be about

$2,000.00. We hope you have noticed its multiple suitability on our roads. It would be a benefit to road improvement progress.

Q. What method was used in the revaluation by the selectmen? It doesn't seem to me that all increases are equally 30%.

A. Your assessors' goal in revaluation of the town was *equalization* of all property irregardless to whether resident owned or not. All land was valued from $4 per acre up, with location and suitability to general farm or timber land being most important. Real estate was considered for size, condition, location and comparability with like property wherever possible.

It is knowledgable that not all property was increased in value 30%. Some was not increased at all, but the overall gain in total valuation was approximately 28%.

In this manner, we obtained as near as possible *equalized* value for all property . An undertaking of this proportion is expected to take time to smooth discrepancies.

Q. I know prices have gone up, but just how do we compare with other town taxes in this vicinity?

A.

	1955 Assessed Valuation	1954 Equalized Valuation	1955 Average Tax Rate
Alexandria	$ 712,013	$1,114,819	$4.80
Hill	598,529	1,396,237	3.62
Danbury	452,375	871,175	6.18
Bristol	2,923,787	6,118,936	4.77
Hebron	731,345	1,204,454	2.30
Groton	453,370	693,754	3.80
New Hampton	1,949,104	3,660,447	4.53
Bridgewater	1,107,514	2,195,393	2.64

Q. Where does my tax dollar go?

A. Your 1954 tax dollar distributed as follows:

Schools	$ .52
Highway and Bridge Maintenance	.16
Public Welfare	.10
Town Construction - Bailey Bridge	.08½
General Government Expense	.07
Police, Fire and Health Protection	.03½
Miscellaneous	.03

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

The major expenses of all small towns today are *roads* and *bridges*, and *schools*. Our bridges are slowly being replaced with steel stringers and treated plank to insure further permanence.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB:

The A.M.C. was taxed this year for full value of property. The sum of $504 was abated, after a thorough analysis with the State Tax Commission.

It was conclusive that the A.M.C., incorporated in N.H. as an educational and recreational institution, is exempt from taxes on all improvements on its property.

However, in this next year the club must show a benefit to N.H. residents to continue to qualify under such law exemption. We hope to avail from taxes, but until then we are requesting the club to agree to pay us in lieu of taxes. (This they agreed to do when the lodge was built in 1939.) If this ends in vain attempt, we plan to have an article in the warrant to close the road from the ledges at the top of the hill to the club.

TOWN HALL:

The toilets are a disgrace. The electrical wiring and the heating system should also have a study. We hope that these conditions will become equal to the town hall's fine paint job.

Attend your town and school meetings. Remember that tax rates are not made by selectmen. Your tax rate represents the amount of appropriations voted by you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Selectmen,

CLYDE F. MOSHER
FLETCHER M. DeWOLF
ERLAND WADHAMS

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Alexandria on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March, next at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year. (Business meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M.)

2. To raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $2,000.00 to buy used Gailion power grader and authorize the selectmen to contract for same.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $ to buy a new town truck, of similar type that we now own, and to authorize the selectmen to contract for same.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $553.77 for T.R.A., the State will furnish the sum of $3,691.79.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $ for the maintenance of highways and bridges.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,533.73 for a deficiency appropriation on Gale Bridge.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $, for the plowing and sanding of roads and driveways.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $ for the reconstruction of A.M.C.'s bridge and to have the Selectmen contract for same, if necessary, for the best interests of the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to close the road from the Ledges, at entrance to Clark Trail, to the A.M.C. Lodge, if above article does not carry, subject to gates and bars.

11. To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three to study and recommend as to the advisability of paying a fixed salary to the road agent and to determine the amount necessary for proper maintenance of the roads, and to report the results to the 1957 Town Meeting.

12. To see if the Town favors having a Planning and Development Committee and appoint five members to same.

13. To see if the Town favors instructing the Trustee of Trust Funds to endeavor to name the unknown Benefactors of Trust Funds now recorded as unknown in Town Records.

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of receipt of taxes.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

CLYDE F. MOSHER
FLETCHER M. DeWOLF
ERLAND WADHAMS

Selectmen, Town of Alexandria

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the

Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 3.00	$ 6.87	$ 5.00
Railroad Tax	50.00	55.71	50.00
Savings Bank Tax	120.00	124.31	120.00
Reimb. a/c state & federal forest lands	130.00	116.87	120.00
Reimb. a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,500.00	810.90	1,200.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	14.00	12.60	14.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		19.24	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	190.00	162.70	160.00
Business Licenses Permits, Filing Fees	40.00	17.50	16.00
Rent, Town Hall, Other Buildings	375.00	378.03	375.00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	100.00	142.41	140.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,100.00	1,343.03	1,300.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds:			
Bristol Savings Bank	3,237.53	3,273.05	
Amount Raised by Issue of Notes:			
Anticipation of Taxes		7,000.00	
Cash Surplus	2,648.58		
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	350.00	356.00	350.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	5.00	2.00	2.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$ 9,858.11	$ 13,821.22	$ 3,852.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			**34,445.68**
Total Revenues			**$ 38,297.68**

ALEXANDRIA NEW HAMPSHIRE

Enusing Year Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous yr. 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing yr. 1956
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,771.31	$ 1,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	200.00	238.84	480.00
Election & Registration Expenses	175.00	153.96	360.00
Exp., Town Hall, Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	281.57	320.00
Police Department	50.00	51.10	70.00
Fire Department	100.00	148.20	150.00
Moth Exterm.–blister rust, care of trees		271.30	
Insurance	200.00	683.05	400.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	10.00	7.00	10.00
Vital Statistics	10.00	11.00	10.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	60.00	49.70	50.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,500.00	5,609.46	3,800.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,500.00	3,438.83	2,700.00
Street Lighting	212.00	195.84	196.00
Town Road Aid		553.87	554.00
Town Poor	100.00	795.73	100.00
Old Age Assistance	3,900.00	3,289.74	3,300.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assoc.	14.00	12.50	13.00
Cemeteries		103.00	
Unclassified:	400.00	583.53	300.00
Damages, Legal Exp., incl. dog damage	15.00	5.00	10.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans		104.04	150.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Anticipation of Taxes		7,000.00	
County Taxes	1,504.00	1,579.61	1,580.00
School Taxes	21,650.95	11,500.00	22,144.68
Total Expenditures	**$ 37,440.95**	**$ 38,438.23**	**$ 38,297.68**

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	$ 495,875.00
Electric Plants (3)	213,173.00
Horses (13)	540.00
Neat Stock (35)	1,835.00
Cows (153)	12,410.00
Fowls (1650)	1,485.00
Fur Bearing Animals (4)	50.00
Portable Mills (2)	820.00
Wood and Lumber	1,400.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (5)	700.00
Stock in Trade (2)	1,600.00
Machinery (1)	3,300.00
Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	$ 733,188.00
Less Exemptions to Soldiers and Blind	21,175.00
Net Valuation	$ 712,013.00
Polls (177)	$ 354.00
Bank Stock Tax	$ 2.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS:		
Town Charges	$ 7,311.00	
Roads and Bridges	3,500.00	
Snow Removal	2,500.00	
Town Road Aid	553.87	
Henry Bailey Bridge	3,105.50	
Grafton County Tax	1,579.61	
School Appropriation	21,116.71	
Total Town and School Appro.		$ 39,666.69
LESS: Estimated Revenues		5,166.41
		$ 34,500.28

PLUS: Overlay	80.35
Total Appropriation Less	
Estimated Revenue and Surplus	$ 34,580.63
Amount of Taxes Committed to	
Collector	$ 34,580.63
Tax Rate Per $100 Valuation	$ 4.80

New Hampshire State Tax Commission

Division of Municipal Accounting

R. S. A., Chapter 71

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

IN GRAFTON COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.
January 12, 1956

CLYDE F. MOSHER

FLETCHER M. DeWOLF

ERLAND WADHAMS

Selectmen

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS, Treasurer

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA — BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash		
In hands of treasurer		$ 6,804.82
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
Levy of 1954		77.98
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		7,384.97
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955		195.00
Total Assets		$ 14,462.77
Grand Total		$ 14,462.77
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1954	$ 9,055.41	
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1955	2,583.09	
Decrease of Surplus	$ 6,461.32	

SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1955

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Balance Gale Bridge	$ 1,533.73
Due to State:	
Uncollected State Head Taxes—1955	195.00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	10,150.95
Total Liabilities	$ 11,879.68
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	2,583.09
Grand Total	$ 14,462.77

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, cur. yr. 1955	$ 27,995.67	
Poll Taxes, cur. yr., reg. @ $2	288.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.00	
Yield Taxes	90.00	
State Head Taxes @ $5	905.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$ 29,191.57
Property and yield taxes, prev. yrs.		5,885.23
Poll taxes, prev. yrs., reg. @ $2		68.00
State head taxes @ $5, prev. yrs.		205.00
Interest received on Taxes		142.41
Penalties on State Head Taxes		24.00
Tax sales redeemed		76.58
From State:		
For Highways and Bridges:		
For Town Road Aid	3.49	
For Class V Highway maint.	1,438.23	
Interest and dividends tax	6.87	
Railroad Tax	55.71	
Savings Bank Tax	124.31	
Reimb. a/c State and Federal forest lands	116.87	
Fighting forest fires	12.60	
Bounties	224.50	
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance	19.24	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		162.70
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		17.50
Rent of town property		378.03

(Receipts Carried to Page 18)

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1955

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$ 1,535.57
Town officers' expenses		238.84
Election and registration expenses		153.96
Municipal court expenses		235.74
Exp., town hall & other town bldgs.		281.57
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		51.10
Fire dept., incl. forest fires		148.20
Moth exterm.—blister rust		271.30
Bounties		85.00
Insurance		683.05
Health:		
Health dept., incl. hospitals		7.00
Vital statistics		11.00
Town dump & garbage removal		49.70
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid		553.87
Town Maintenance		
Summer	$ 5,609.46	
Winter	3,438.83	
		9,048.29
Street lighting		195.84
Gen'l Exp., Highway Dept.		24.00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		3,289.74
Town poor		795.73
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memoiral Day and Vet's Assoc.		12.50
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, incl. hearse hire		103.00

(Payments Carried to Page 19)

(Receipts Brought from Page 16)		
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits		68.30
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 permits		1,274.73
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$ 39,495.87
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$ 7,000.00	
Insurance adjustments	8.64	
Refunds-Hazelton family for aid	24.00	
Withdrawals - Reserve Fund	3,273.05	
Sale of town property	50.00	
Gas Tax Refunds	51.35	
Trustee of Trust Funds		
Cemetery work	103.00	
Deposit on Yield Taxes	50.00	
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		$ 10,560.04
Total Receipts from All Sources		$ 50,055.91
Cash on hand January 1, 1955		1,495.35
Grand Total		$ 51,551.26

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1955

(Payments Brought from Page 17)			
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses		5.00	
Unclassified		583.53	
Taxes bought by town		214.26	
Total current maint. exp.			$ 18,577.79
Interest:			
Paid on temporary loans		$ 104.04	
Total interest payments			$ 104.04
Outlay for New Construction,			
Highways and bridges-state aid construction		$ 1,750.00	
Highways and bridges-town construction		3,105.50	
Repairs Town Garage		75.00	
Total Outlay Payments			$ 9,861.00
Indebtedness:			
Payments on temp. loans in anticipation of taxes		$ 7,000.00	
Total Indebtedness payments			$ 7,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
State head taxes paid to			
State Treas., 1955	$ 945.00		
Prior years	109.50		
		$ 1,054.50	
Taxes paid to County		1,579.61	
Payments to sch. dist., 1955 tax		11,500.00	
Total payments to other governmental divisions			$ 14,134.11
Total Payments for all Purposes			$ 44,746.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1955			6,804.82
Grand Total			$ 51,551.26

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Building	$ 12,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Building	600.00
Highway Equipment	8,000.00
Schools, Lands and Building	12,000.00
School Equipment	800.00
All Lands Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Chellis Meadow	50.00
100 Acre Bullock Lot	400.00
Right of Way Across Clough Lot	25.00
Bennett Barn Lot	100.00
10 Acre Dean Lot	50.00
2 Mining Rights, J. W. D'Arcy	100.00
3 Mining Rights, Mica Mining & Milling Co.	200.00
3 Mining Rights, American Mica Co.	200.00
	$ 35,525.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

249 Motor Vehicle Permits		$ 1,340.63
72 Dog Licenses	$ 179.50	
Less fees	14.40	
		165.10
Filing Fees		12.00
Paid to Treasurer		$ 1,517.73

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year of 1955

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes — Levy of 1955

DEBITS:			
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$ 34,224.63		
Poll Taxes	354.00		
National Bank Stock	2.00		
Total Warrant		$ 34,580.63	
Yield Taxes		1,603.31	
(Warrant approved by Tax Commission Dec. 28)			
Interest Collected		.15	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes		84.00	
Total Debits			$ 36,268.09
CREDITS:			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		$ 27,995.67	
Poll Taxes		288.00	
National Bank Stock		2.00	
Yield Taxes		.90	
Interest Collected		.15	
Abatements		596.40	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:			
Property Taxes		5,722.56	
Poll Taxes		60.00	
Yield Taxes		1,602.41	
Total Credits			$ 36,268.09

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes — Levy of 1954

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955:

Property Taxes	$ 5,082.42		
Poll Taxes	70.00		
Yield Taxes	904.91		
		$ 6,057.33	
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1955		142.26	
Total Debits			$ 6,199.59

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955:

Property Taxes	$ 5,074.32	
Poll Taxes	68.00	
Yield Taxes	810.91	
Interest collected during year	142.26	
Abatements made during year	104.10	
Total Credits		$ 6,199.59

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax — Levy of 1955

DEBITS:

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	$ 1,125.00	
Penalties Collected	.50	
Total Debits		$ 1,125.50

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	$ 905.00		
Penalties	.50		
		$ 905.50	
Abatements		25.00	
Uncollected head taxes as per Collector's List		195.00	
Total Credits			$ 1,125.50

Levy of 1954

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955	$ 210.00

Penalties Collected during 1955		23.50	
Total Debits			$ 233.50
CREDITS:			
Remittances to Treasurer during 1955			
Head Taxes	$ 205.00		
Penalties	23.50		
		$ 228.50	
Abatements during 1955		5.00	
Total Credits			$ 233.50

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1955

DEBITS:		
Tax Sale on account of Levies of 1954:		
Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year	$ 152.34	
Interest collected after sale	.22	
Redemption costs	2.00	
Total Debits		$ 154.56
CREDITS:		
Remittances to Treasurer during yr.	$ 76.58	
Unredeemed taxes at close of year	77.98	
Total Credits		$ 154.56

Unredeemed Taxes From Tax Sales

On Account of Levies of 1954:		
Akerman, James	$ 48.43	
Pitman, John	29.55	
		$ 77.98

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1955		$ 1,495.35
Received from Town Clerk	$ 1,517.73	
Received from Tax Collector	35,592.79	

Received from Selectmen	12,945.39	
		50,055.91
Total Receipts		$ 51,551.26
Paid First National Bank, Service charges	$ 3.63	
Paid Selectmen's orders, Nos. 5179 - 5389	44,742.81	
		$ 44,746.44
Balance December 31, 1955		$ 6,804.82

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Andrew S. Abbott, Collector of Taxes	
1955 Property Taxes	$27,995.67
Previous Years	5,074.32
1955 Poll Taxes	288.00
Previous Years	68.00
1955 Yield Taxes	.90
Previous Years	810.91
1955 Head Taxes	905.00
Previous Years	205.00
Bank Stock Tax	2.00
Interest	142.41
Head Tax Penalties	24.00
Taxes Redeemed	76.58
State Treasurer	
Gas Tax Refunds	51.35
Unexpended T.R.A. Fund - 1954	3.49
Recovery of Old Age Assistance	19.24
Bounties, 1954	139.50
1955	85.00

N. H. Forestry and Recreation,	
Reimbursement, fire meetings	12.60
Class V Money	1,438.23
Interest and Dividend Tax	6.87
Savings Bank Tax	124.31
Railroad Tax	55.71
Reimbursement a/c State Forest Land	116.87
Town Clerk	
Auto Permits	1,343.03
Dog Licenses	162.70
Business Licenses and Permit Fees	17.50
Rent of Town Property	
Cardigan Grange - Rent of Hall	104.00
Olan Rand - Rent of Hall - Dances	135.00
Duke and Swingbillies - Rent of Hall	15.00
Rent of Grader	111.00
Rent of Truck	11.00
Use of Telephone	2.03
Unclassified	
Cancelled Insurance on Bruneck Farm	2.50
Deposit of Yield Tax, Howard Mitchell	50.00
Adjustment Fire Insurance on Hall	6.14
Trustee of Trust Funds, cemetery work	103.00
Temporary Loans	
Anticipation of Taxes	7,000.00
First National Bank, Bristol @ 2½%	
Withdrew First National Bank, Bristol	3,273.05
Sale of Town Property	
Monarch and Itaska Mining Rights	
Robert C. Akerman	50.00
Recovery of Welfare	
Glen Hazelton	17.00
Marie Hazelton	7.00
Cash on Hand for 1955	1,495.35
Total Receipts	$ 51,551.26

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Clyde F. Mosher	$ 345.00	
Fletcher M. DeWolf	250.00	
Erland Wadhams	312.50	
Evelyn B. Hutchins, Town Clerk	50.00	
Evelyn B. Hutchins, Town Treas.	65.00	
Herbert I. Fiske, Auditor	10.00	
J. Roger Turnbull, Trustee of Trust Funds	25.00	
Lyle Bucklin, Dog and Health Officer	15.00	
Andrew S. Abbott, Tax Collector		
Balance 1954 Salary	82.34	
To date 1955 Salary	380.73	
		$ 1,535.57
Overdraft		$ 35.57

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation		$ 200.00
N. H. Assessors Dues	$ 3.00	
U. S. Auto Truck Guide	7.50	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Dog Tags,	7.92	
Supplies	4.58	
Edson C. Eastman, Tax Books	22.65	
Alexandria Post Office, Stamps, Envelopes	22.51	
George T. Ray, Drawing Deed	5.00	
John C. Ray, Officers' Bonds	68.70	
F. J. Shores, Transfers	9.21	
Enterprise Press, Notices	3.20	
Enterprise Press, Inventory Cards	40.35	
N. H. Tax Collectors Dues	3.00	
N. H. Town Clerks Dues	2.00	
Herbert I. Fiske, Auditors Supplies	3.75	

Evelyn B. Hutchins, Supplies	3.22	
Clyde F. Mosher, Use of car, inven.	15.00	
(Rumney (2) Plymouth) misc. mileage	13.50	
(Concord)		
Use of Telephone	.75	
Fletcher M. DeWolf, misc. mileage	1.00	
Andrew S. Abbott, Tracing Deed	2.00	
		$ 238.84
Overdraft		$ 38.84

Election and Registration

Appropriation		$ 175.00
Enterprise Press, Ballots, Postage	$ 17.96	
Enterprise Press, Notices	1.00	
Eugene Coolidge, Election and Supervisors' meetings	35.00	
Herbert I. Fiske, Election and Supervisors' meetings	35.00	
Amy Merrill, Election and Supervisors' meetings	35.00	
Erland Wadhams, Moderator	5.00	
Doris DeWolf, Ballot Inspector	5.00	
Sherman Wadhams, Ballot Inspector	5.00	
Harry B. Ramsey, Ballot Clerk	5.00	
Ray Sargent, Ballot Clerk	5.00	
Ken Hall, Police, Election	5.00	
		$ 153.96
Balance		$ 21.04

Perambulation of Town Lines

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Clyde F. Mosher, Salary	$ 72.00	
Fletcher M. DeWolf, Salary	60.00	
Erland Wadhams, Salary	72.00	
Harry B. Ramsey, Help on Hebron Line	10.00	
Edgar Haynes, Help on Danbury Line	1.25	

Clyde F. Mosher, Use of Car, Paint Brushes	4.50	
Cavis Bros., Paint	3.98	
H. J. Follansbee, Paint	12.01	
		$ 235.74
Overdraft		$ 35.74

Town Hall and other Buildings

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Cavis Bros., Night Lock	$ 2.15	
Norman Bowen, Water Rent	6.00	
George Gould, Repair Pump	4.25	
Higgins Craft Shop, Screens for Town Hall	20.00	
Alexandria General Store, Janitor's Supplies	2.54	
Public Service Co., Hall Lights	49.98	
New England Tel. & Tel., Hall Phone	72.15	
Janitor's Salaries:		
Joseph Gisler	17.00	
Lewis Gray	107.50	
		$ 281.57
Balance		$ 218.43

Police Department

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Leo Corliss, Chief - Salary	$ 50.00	
City of Franklin, Prisoner's Board for G. Hazelton	1.10	
		$ 51.10
Overdraft		$ 1.10

Fire Department — Including Forest Fires

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Bristol Fire Department:		
Kummerer Fire	$ 30.00	
MacLean Fire	45.00	

Sherman Fire	17.00	
State of New Hampshire:		
New Pumps and Axes	26.40	
Fire Wardens' Meetings and Investigating Fires:		
Lyle Gale	4.00	
Eugene Coolidge	4.12	
Carlton Blanchard	4.72	
Clyde F. Mosher	4.12	
Andrew S. Abbott	6.72	
Raymond Hutchins	6.12	
		$ 148.20
Overdraft		$ 48.20

Blister Rust and Care of Trees

Appropriation		None
State of New Hampshire, Blister Rust work completed under law	$ 271.30	
		$ 271.30
Overdraft		$ 271.30

Health Department

Appropriation		$ 10.00
Lyle Bucklin, Disposal of Dog and Heifer	$ 7.00	
		$ 7.00
Balance		$ 3.00

Vital Statistics

Appropriation		$ 10.00
Evelyn B. Hutchins, Registering of Births, etc.	$ 11.00	
		$ 11.00
Overdraft		$ 1.00

Town Dump

Appropriation		$ 60.00

Dozing over Dump, Three Times	$ 49.70	
		$ 49.70
Balance		$ 10.30

Bounties

Clyde F. Mosher (68)	$ 34.00	
Fletcher M. DeWolf (78)	39.00	
Erland Wadhams (24)	12.00	
		$ 85.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Mary Plumer, Ins. on Town Hall	$ 105.25	
Herbert I. Fiske, Fire and Liability on Town Hall	186.75	
Harriet Gilman, Compensation and Liability on Highway Workers	249.97	
John C. Ray, Fire Liability etc. on Truck, Grader and Tractor	141.08	
		$ 683.05
Overdraft		$ 483.05

Highways and Bridges

Summer Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	$ 3,500.00	
State of N.H., Class V	1,428.23	
		$ 4,928.23
Charles Reynolds, Agent		5,609.46
Overdraft		$ 681.23

Snow and Sanding Roads

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Bernard Sharp	$ 2,001.68	
Charles Reynolds	1,437.15	
		$ 3,438.83
Overdraft		$ 938.83

Town Road Aid (T.R.A.)

Appropriation		$ 553.87
State of N. H., Dept. of Public Works	$ 553.87	
		$ 553.87
State Furnished the Sum of:	**$ 3,693.50**	

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$ 212.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.	$ 195.84	
		$ 195.84
Balance		$ 16.16

New Construction

State of N. H. Public Works, Balance 1953 a/c Gale Bridge	$ 1,750.00	
Curtis Mooney, Alexandria Per Contract, Henry Bailey Bridge	3,105.50	
Charles Reynolds, Improvements at Tractor House as Voted 1954 from Surplus	75.00	
		$ 4,930.50

Temporary Loans and Interest

Appropriation		None
First Nat'l Bank, Bristol, Borrowed in anticipation of Taxes @ 2½% Interest	$ 7,000.00	
Paid First Nat'l Bank, Bristol:		
Interest	104.04	
Loan	7,000.00	
		$ 7,104.04
Overdraft		$ 104.04

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$ 3,900.00
State of N. H., Welfare Dept.	$ 3,289.74	
		$ 3,289.74
Balance		$ 611.74

Town Poor

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Arthur Robie Care	$ 665.41	
Sceva Spear Hospital, Sewell Cole Care	81.83	
Alexandria Gen. Store, Care Glen Hazelton family	48.49	
		$ 795.73
Overdraft		$ 695.73

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 14.00
Cardigan Sport Store, Flags	$ 12.50	
		$ 12.50
Balance		$ 1.50

Cemeteries

Appropriation		None
Received from Trustee of Trust Funds	$ 103.00	
Charles Reynolds, Cutting Trees and Cleaning Rhoads Cemetery	103.00	
		$ 0.00

Unclassified

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Charles Reynolds, Operating Grader in Bristol @ $1.50 per hr.	$ 24.00	
Evelyn B. Hutchins, copying Invoice	12.00	
Enterprise Press (1954) Town Reports	336.50	
First Nat'l Bank, Service Charges	3.63	
Evelyn B. Hutchins, Auto Permit Fees	124.50	

District Director of Internal Revenue	106.90	
		$ 607.53
Overdraft		$ 207.53

Legal Expense

Appropriation		$ 15.00
Malcolm Thompson, Legal advice, a/c James Colby	$ 5.00	
		$ 5.00
Balance		$ 10.00

Taxes Bought By the Town

Andrew S. Abbott, Collector	$ 152.34	
		$ 152.34

Taxes Paid By the Town

Andrew S. Abbott, Collector		
James Akerman Property	$ 52.32	
John Pitman, Chapman Lot	9.60	
		$ 61.92

Payments to Other Govt. Divisions

Lawrence W. Colby, County Tax	$ 1,579.61	
State of N. H., Head Tax and Penalties	1,054.50	
		$ 2,634.11

Payments to the School District

Appropriation		$ 21,650.95
Elizabeth B. Abbott, Treas.	$ 11,500.00	
		$ 11,500.00
Balance		$ 10,150.95
Total Payments		**$ 44,746.44**

Abatements Granted

Colby, James– on yield tax, by order of state tax commission	$ 94.00
Appalachian Mtn. Club– Corp. of A.M.C. Inc.	

1931, exempt from taxation as corporation of charitable institution a/c provisions Revised Statutes Annotated, Chap. 72, Sec. 23	504.00
Roscoe Tenney– transferred property	9.60
George Dicey– error in assessment	9.60
Gilbert Brailey– error in assessment	4.80
Freeman Brailey– over evaluation	14.40
Donald Flanders– Vet's exemption law	48.00
Clinton Bliss– transferred property	5.40
Frank Wallis– Head and Poll, Moved	7.00
Roy Smith– Head, over age	5.00
Agnes Lord– Head and Poll, over age	7.00
Samuel & Bernice Hall– Head & Poll, moved	12.00
	$ 720.80

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT

Bernard Sharp – January 1, 1955 to March 8, 1955

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Gas Tax Returns		32.10
PAID:		
Town of Bristol, use of Boiler	$ 9.00	
H. J. Follansbee, Supplies	.95	
Vonson Dow, Trucking Boiler	18.00	
H. Clyde Gray, Sand	22.50	
Ernest Sanborn, use of Winch	3.00	
Casellini Veneable, Tractor Parts	19.59	
R. C. Hazelton, Tractor Parts	41.25	
Bernard Sharp, Wood for tractor house	9.00	
Freds Auto, Straighten Push Beams	5.00	
Bartlett Auto Co., Misc. Parts	3.02	
Jones Auto Co.:		

Misc. Truck Parts	18.90	
Truck Chains	66.28	
Motor for Truck	339.86	
Rear End for Truck	175.68	
Burness Swett, Fuel Oil	43.80	
Alexandria Gen. Store, Gas and Oil	16.04	
Leon Patten's Garage, Gas and Oil	158.41	
Bernard Sharp, Use of Shovel	83.00	
		$ 1,033.28
LABOR PAID:		
Bernard Sharp	$ 365.80	
Leon Sharp	158.00	
Freeman Patten	240.00	
Ken Hall	116.00	
Lawrence Akerman	36.00	
Ronald Cain	30.00	
Leon Patten	4.00	
Gerald Sargent	24.00	
Harley Belser	2.00	
		$ 975.80
Less Withholding Tax		7.40
Total Paid		$ 2,001.68

Charles R. Reynolds, Agent

March 9, 1955 Through December 31, 1955

Snow Work

Stamps, Envelopes, Misc. Exp.	$ 6.75
Alex. Gen. Store, gas, oil & hardware	58.58
Lyle Bucklin, pick head	2.95
Charles Carr Co., fuel oil	45.89
Chase Grain Mill, road salt	51.60
Corneau Service Station, gas	20.70
Cyr's Welding	11.00
Fracher's, bolts, nuts & lock washers	3.84
Fred's Auto Service, gen., bolts, quick charge	18.43

Lyle Gale, gravel	4.80	
Jones Auto, repairs, parts, welding on plow frame	136.11	
Patten's Esso Sta., gas for truck and loader	37.29	
Public Service, lights	4.03	
Robie's, use of loader	22.00	
Sanel Auto Parts, parts for truck	37.74	
Thompson & Hoague, steel	38.34	
Venable & Casilini, fittings & D6 parts	34.70	
		$ 534.75
LABOR:		
Withholding Tax	$ 3.60	
Blake, Lewis	29.00	
Bourbeau, Andre	15.50	
Bourbeau, Ronald	7.50	
Bourbeau, Ronaldo	199.00	
Bucklin, Lyle	3.50	
Bucklin, William	155.90	
Fiske, Herbert	5.00	
Mosher, Clyde	14.00	
Reynolds, Charles	456.40	
Sargent, Ray	5.00	
Tucker, Everett	8.00	
		$ 902.40
Total Paid Snow Work		3,438.83
Net Overdraft		$ 906.73

Dirt Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	$ 3,500.00	
Class V from State	1,438.23	
Gas Tax returns	19.25	
	$ 4,957.48	
Other money expended		
Rent of Town truck & grader	122.00	
		$ 5,079.48

Alex. Gen. store, gas, oil, bolts, etc.	$ 136.48
Arthur Corneau Sta., gas, oil (fuel)	37.89
Atherton Farm equip., tractor parts	39.55
Bartlett Auto Co., oxygen actylene	9.15
Chase Grain Mill, culverts	24.64
Columbian Steel Co., blades & bolts, Heber grader	37.60
Dick's Welding Shop, cutting & welding	8.25
Follansbee, H. J., tools, bolts etc.	21.04
Franks Garage, tire for truck & grader	83.96
Fred's Auto, parts, labor on truck	18.36
Hathorn's Inc., repair grader radiator	9.00
Jones Auto, oil, welding, parts, repair on truck & grader	214.55
Kibby Equip. Co., parts for grader	29.16
Merrill & Cote Inc., generator and parts for grader	43.28
N.H. Explosive Co., dynamite & caps	19.73
Patten's Esso Sta., gas, oil for truck grader & loader	274.94
Phone calls, stamps, misc. expenses	15.54
Prescott Oil Co., tire & tube for truck, oil	87.27
Prison Industries, cement pipe	38.40
Public Service Co., lights, 8 months	28.89
Sanel Auto Parts, chains, anti freeze, parts	143.38
Scott Machinery, rent for Gallion grader	500.00
Sunoco Sta., gas for truck	4.50
Tilton Sand & Gravel, cold patch, 6 tons	36.80
Weeks & Son Store, dynamite & caps	9.65
Daniels, Doris, 45 loads gravel	15.75
Ewens, Charles, gravel	7.80
Gray, Clyde, 13 loads gravel	3.90
Ford, Donald, work on culvert	9.50
Wells, Frank, 14 loads gravel	4.20

Calley, Merton, use of loader	17.00	
Morrison, Nathan, use of loader	5.00	
Robie, Ernest, use of loader	8.00	
Sharp, Bernard, use of loader	41.00	
3 hrs. use of tractor	12.00	
12 hrs. use of truck	39.60	
Reynolds, Charles, use of tractor, 9 hrs.	9.00	
Bockus, Harry, fence posts	30.00	
Robie, Ernest, 640 ft. bridge plank	44.80	
Sanborn, Ernest, fence posts & red oak plank	19.10	
Wadhams, Erland, bridge stringers and battery cable	14.71	
Wells, Frank, fence rails	2.52	
		$ 2,182.62

LABOR:

Withholding Tax	$ 85.70	
Akerman, Carrol	59.00	
Akerman, Clayton	166.50	
Akerman, Clyde	16.00	
Blake, Lewis	293.20	
Bockus, Harry	23.00	
Bourbeau, Andre	92.00	
Bourbeau, Ronaldo	381.50	
Bruneck, John	41.50	
Bucklin, Albert	79.20	
Bucklin, Lyle	8.00	
Bucklin, William	149.70	
Flanders, William	3.50	
Gagnon, Frank	26.50	
Gray, Lewis	135.40	
Gray, Russel	21.90	
Hackett, Myron	68.90	
Haynes, Ned	16.00	
Healey, Perley	25.50	
Hutchins, Archie	8.00	
Lamos, Douglas	13.70	

Reynolds, Charles	1,632.34	
Sargent, Gerald	35.80	
Sargent, Ray	3.00	
Smith, Roy	41.00	
		$ 3,426.84
Total Dirt Roads expended		5,609.46
Net Overdraft		$ 529.98

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent and Trustee of the Trust Funds and find same correctly cast and vouched for, the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955

HERBERT I. FISKE

January 3, 1956 Town Auditor

HAYNES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Report of Librarian

Haynes Library is a privately endowed institution managed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Library Association. It is not supported either wholly or in part by the Town.

Chairman, ROSS SCHOFIELD

Secretary, LOUISE PLATTS

Treasurer, CHESTER YOUNG

Open: Sat., 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. April 30 to Nov. 19, 1955

Total Registration, 1955:

Adults ... 18 Young People ... 17 Children ... 8

Total Circulation, 1954 ..... 501 1955 548
1955 Summer Loans ..... 388 Winter Loans 160
Adult non-fiction .... 39 Fiction ..... 160; Young Peoples' Books ..... 220; Children's Books ..... 129; Book Stock. Approximate number of volumes, January, 1955, 3,440; Books added in 1955, 10. Books borrowed from other libraries. 6.

Because of inadequate heating, the library closed on November 19, 1955. Books taken out in November are due when the library reopens on May 5, 1956. The Bookmobile serves both of the public schools located in the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nellie K. Wadams, Librarian.

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1955		
Cash in checking account	$ 85.77	
Deposits from dividends	132.90	
Deposits from donations	25.00	
Deposits from food sale	31.25	
		$ 274.92
Amount paid out:		
Public Service Co., lights	$ 21.72	
J. L. Hammett Co.	9.75	
Brown Window Shade Shop	24.00	
Nellie K. Wadhams, books	11.67	
Nellie K. Wadhams, Librarian	50.00	
Sherman Wadhams, mowing lawn	7.00	
		$ 124.14
		$ 150.78

Total Assets on hand Jan. 1, 1956:

43 shares N. H. Fire Insurance	$ 1,834.00
14 shares Public Service	1,088.50
Amount in Bristol Savings Bank	8.13
Amount in Franklin Savings Bank	125.89

Amount in checking account	150.78
	$ 3,207.30

CHESTER G. YOUNG
Treasurer

BIRTHS

Date and place of birth; name of child; name of father and maiden name of mother.

1955

January 28: Franklin; Anita Louise; Freeman E. Patten, Villa J. Ordway.

March 5: Laconia; Peter Stuart; Donald P. Akerman, Alice I. Cowan.

May 31: Laconia; Henry Lorenzo; Kenneth L. Hall, Rosalie M. Fisher.

July 2: Franklin; Timothy Lee; Donald F. Flanders, June M. Gray.

July 4: Franklin; Lucy Fedora; Robert C. Akerman, Bernice B. Blake.

October 22: Franklin; Jerry William; Murray L. Lord, Gae Adams.

November 21: Laconia; Glenn Arthur; A. Edwin Sharp, Albertine Sigman.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

Date and place of marriage; name and surname of the bridegroom and bride; name, residence and official station of person by whom married.

1955

January 30: Bristol; Chester W. Perreault, Esther L. McKinnon; Rev. Ethel Lee Matthews, Baptist Minister, Bristol, N.H.

July 2: South Alexandria; Albert W. Bean, Edith P. Bucklin; Rev .Ethel Lee Matthews, Baptist Minister, Bristol, N.H.

August 20: Bristol; Ben Carleton Adams, Martha E. Rice; Rev. A. Brownlow Thompson, Methodist Minister, Bristol, N.H.

December 30: Bristol; Donald E. Sanborn, Gertrude M. Butterfield; Rev. Louis C. Toppan, Congregational Clergeyman, Bristol, N.H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk

DEATHS

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased and age.

1955

January 6, Franklin, Bertha Messer, 73.
January 29, Franklin, Elcy L. Machon, 51.
February 12, Franklin, Lutie M. Bucklin, 60.
March 8, Haverhill, Grace Guyette. 65.
August 11, Laconia, Joseph S. R. Reladeau, 52.
September 12, Alexandria, Mabelle E. C. Kelley, 81.
October 18, Boscawen, Josie L. Gordon, 81.
December 30, Concord, Doris Daniels, 51.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EVELYN B. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Alexandria N. H. on December 31, 1955

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL How invested	Bal begin & end	INCOME Bal begin	%	Amt	Expen	Bal
Mar. 1884	Cass	Crawford Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	50.00		2½	1.25	1.25	
Nov. 1886	Crawford	Crawford Cemetery	Northern RR Stock	1000.00	4.50	6	60.00	60.00	4.50
Mar. 1894	Perkins - Cemetery	Riverside Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	50.00		2½	1.25	1.25	
Mar. 1896	Rhoades	Rhoades Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	500.00		2½	12.50	12.50	
1899	Cheney	Rhoades Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	50.00		2½	1.25	1.25	
1905	Perkins School	Support of Schools	U. S. Bonds Ser. G & Treas. 2½ 65 70	3900.00		2½	97.50	97.50	
Mar. 1906	Burns	Burns Hill Cemetery	U. S. Bond Treas 2½ 65 70	300.00	7.50	2½	7.50	7.50	7.50
Mar. 1910	Leneghan	Bailey Cemetery	Bristol Savings Bank	200.00		3	6.00	6.00	
Unknown	Literary	Support of Schools	U. S. Bond Ser. G	300.00		2½	7.50	7.50	
Unknown	Ministerial	Support of Church	U. S. Bond Ser. G	300.00		2½	7.50	7.50	
July 1918	S. B. Sleeper	Support of Church	U. S. Bond Ser. G	1000.00		2½	25.00	25.00	
Sept. 1918	Knowles	Riverside Cemetery	U. S. Bond Treas 2½ 65-70	50.00		2½	1.25	1.25	
Oct. 1920	Berry	Riverside Cemetery	Bristol Savings Bank	50.00		3	1.50	1.50	
Nov. 1933	Cushing	Rhoades Cemetery	Bristol Savings Bank	50.00		3	1.50	1.50	
Apr. 1940	O. K. Gray	Riverside Cemetery	Bristol Savings Bank	200.00		3	6.00	6.00	
May 1940	R. S. Gray	Pitman Cemetery	Plym. Gnty Bk stock	100.00		5	5.00	5.00	
1942	H. W. Noyes	Rhoades Cemetery	Plym. Gnty Bk stock	100.00		5	5.00	5.00	
Sept. 1942	A. C. Sleeper	Crawford Cemetery	Plym. Gnty Bk stock	50.00		5	2.50	2.50	
1942	Surplus	Use as needed	Various securities	1157.12	135.47	var.	45.05	77.75	102.77
Apr. 1943	Patten	Riverside Cemetery	Bristol Savings Bank	50.00		3	1.50	1.50	
Apr. 1945	Seavey	Pitman & Riverside Cemeteries	Plym. Gnty Bk stock	200.00		5	10.00	10.00	
Sept. 1946	Akerman	Pitman & Riverside Cemeteries	U. S. Bond Ser. G	100.00		2½	2.50	2.50	
Sept. 1946	Hines	Rhoades Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	100.00		2½	2.50	2.50	
Sept. 1946	Twombley	Riverside Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	100.00		2½	2.50	2.50	
July 1949	G. H. Noyes	Rhoades Cemetery	U. S. Bond Ser. G	100.00		2½	2.50	2.50	
			Totals	$10057.12	$147.17		$316.55	$349.25	$114.77

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

January 18, 1956

J. ROGER TURNBULL, Trustee

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALEXANDRIA

School Directory

District Officers

J. Roger Turnbull	Moderator
Elizabeth Abbott	Treasurer
Elizabeth Abbott	Clerk
Annie Remick	Auditor

School Board

Margaret Cilensek	Term expires 1956
John F. Pyne	Term expires 1957
Jean Brown	Term expires 1958

Teachers

Marion Lynch	Village
June Rand	Willow

Superintendent

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

School Calendar

Open Sept. 5 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 21 (Fri. 12:30)
Open Jan. 2	Close Feb. 15
Open Feb. 25	Close Apr. 19
Open Apr. 29	Close June 13

Days out: Oct. 12; Nov. 22, 23; May 30, 31. Close 12:30 Nov. 21, Dec. 21.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1954		$ 9.33
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	$ 20,977.88	
Special appropriation	5,000.00	
Received from Trust Funds,		
J. Roger Turnbull, Trustee	105.00	
Received from all other sources	5.00	
Total Receipts		26,087.88
Total amount available for fiscal year		26,097.21
Less School Board orders paid		25,979.71
Balance on hand June 30, 1955		$ 117.50

ELIZABETH B. ABBOTT, Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alexandria of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

ANNIE L. REMICK, Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts:

From Selectmen, appropriation	$ 20,977.88
From Selectmen, special appropriation	5,000.00
From trust funds	105.00

From sale of stove at Willow School		5.00
Total Receipts		26,087.88
Cash on hand July 1, 1954		9.33
Grand Total		$26,097.21

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:		
Jean Brown, school board	$ 40.00	
John Pyne, school board	40.00	
Margaret Cilensek, school board	58.00	
Annie Remick, auditor	5.00	
Leo Corliss, truant officer	10.00	
Marie A. Sharp, census	10.00	
Elizabeth Abbott, treas. & clerk	42.00	
J. Roger Turnbull, moderator	2.00	
		$ 207.00
Superintendent's Salary:		
Supervisory Union No. 4		197.83
Expenses of Administration:		
First National Bank, service charge	.72	
State Dept. of Ed., handbooks	2.00	
Sup. Union No. 4, office, conv., clerk, etc.	232.69	
Enterprise Press	2.00	
		237.41
Teachers' Salaries:		
O. June Rand	1,844.09	
Marion Lynch	2,087.90	
Director of Internal Revenue	667.20	
N.H. Teachers Ret. System	401.20	
		5,000.39
Textbooks:		
Iroquois Publishing Co.		4.17
Scholars' Supplies:		
W. G. McCrillis, supplies	.62	
Webster Publishing Co.	13.33	

Scott, Foresman & Co.	7.66	
Milton Bradley Co.	8.61	
C. B. Boyd, Druggist	3.95	
H. J. Follansbee Co.	2.23	
American Book Co.	1.15	
Lyons & Carnahan	1.39	
Silver Burdett Co.	1.15	
Row, Peterson & Co.	.80	
American Education Publications	26.40	
Charles E. Merrill, Inc.	2.25	
Alexandria General Store	2.75	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.94	
		76.23
Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Milton Bradley Co., duplicator	18.38	
Supervisory Union No. 4, supplies	21.75	
		40.13
Janitor Service:		
Arthur Hawes	100.00	
Lyle Bucklin	72.00	
		172.00
Fuel:		
Arthur Corneau	208.68	
Charles A. Carr Co.	103.69	
		312.37
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:		
Public Service Co. of N.H.	149.66	
West Disinfecting Co., towels	45.52	
Bristol Sch. Dist., supplies	7.23	
White River Paper Co.	11.20	
Masury-Young Co., floor oil	27.39	
George W. Tucker, fuses	1.14	
H. J. Follansbee Co., supplies	8.13	
Goodwin Paper Co., soap	13.50	
Danbury Sch. Dist., paper cups	3.80	
		267.57
Minor Repairs & Expenses:		

W. H. Patten, putting in lock	2.00	
Robert C. Akerman, repairs and cleaning Riverside	32.00	
H. J. Follansbee Co., supplies	4.75	
Cora Robie, cleaning	39.00	
Lyle Bucklin, labor	4.00	
Greenwood Plumbing Co., repairs	45.29	
Norman S. MacDougall, repairs	8.48	
Neal P. Remick, painting	50.62	
		186.14
Medical Inspection:		
Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary		89.60
Transportation of Pupils:		
J. Frank DesRoches	1,865.00	
Warren Harvey	1,200.60	
Ronaldo Bourbeau	522.00	
Donald Flanders	344.00	
		3,931.60
High School Tuition:		
Bristol School District		5,720.04
Elementary School Tuition:		
Bristol School District		3,885.00
Per Capita Tax:		
State Treasurer, Alfred Cloues		134.00
Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:		
Mary M. Plumer, insurance & treasurer's bond	63.10	
Herbert I. Fiske, insurance	96.05	
		159.15
Alterations of Old Buildings:		
Norman MacDougall	3,635.00	
A. S. Woodward, well tile & labor	71.00	
George W. Tucker, elec. work	43.68	
Eastern States Art. Well Co.	718.75	
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	456.94	
Neal P. Remick, painting	74.63	
		5,000.00

Retirement:		
N.H. Teachers Ret. System	341.00	
Supervisory Union No. 4, Supt's & Nurse's retirement	18.08	
		359.08
Total Expenditures		$25,979.71

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JEAN BROWN
MARGARET D. CILENSEK
JOHN F. PYNE

School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1954-55	12	12	7	3	4	2	3	0	43
Dec. 23									
Willow	3	4	6	1	0	3	2	3	22
Village	6	6	7	3					22
Totals	9	10	13	4	0	3	2	3	44

District Totals

1954-55	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
Willow	16.2	1.5	17.7	91.7
Village	19.2	2.7	21.9	87.6
Totals	35.4	4.2	39.6	89.4
Dec. 23				
Willow	20.2	1.8	22	91.8
Village	20.5	1.5	22	93.2
Totals	40.7	3.3	44	92.5

Tuition Pupils

Bristol High School — Rate $300

Pupil

Fay Adams (left Oct. 24)	Grade 9
Muriel Goodearl	9
Starr Hall	9
Ruth Sharp	9
Lee Adams (left Oct. 24)	10
Andre Bourbeau	10
Melvin Defosses	10
Stanley Sargent	10
Ralph Shackett	10
William Sterndale	10
Alice Burke (left Sept. 13)	11
Ruby Butterfield	11
Roger Defosses	11
Bernett Sharp	11
Marie Bourbeau	12
Ronald Bourbeau	12
Everett Bucklin	12
Shirley Burke (left Oct. 10)	12
Walter Cilensek	12

Lloyd Covill	12
Robert Patten	12
Gerald Sargent	12

Bristol Elementary School — Rate $185

Pupil

Robert Sterndale	Grade 3
Norman Bourbeau	5
Thomas Fairbank	5
Linda Hall	5
Albert Sharp	6
Barbara Akerman	6
Joyce Loughlin	6
Max Adams	7
Robert Bourbeau	7
John Fairbank	7
Kenneth Hall	7
Frederick Sharp	7
Shirley Shackett	7
Dorothy Wells	7
Donald Goodearl	8
Daniel Harvey	8
Janice McKinnon	8
Wanda Sanborn	8
Bonnie Schofield	8
Marilyn Wells	8

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1955 – 1956

We wish again to emphasize the most serious shortage of teachers who are qualified through either training or successful experience, or both, and to quote material based on a study financed by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education and written by Mr. Beardsley Ruml and Sidney C. Tickton, noted business

men. The demand for teachers is great and will increase for years to come because: 1) The total number of births during the depression years was relatively very small (the present college age group); 2) 1954 produced the biggest crop of babies yet with over 4 million being born in comparison with less than 3 million in 1944; 3) In the next 10 years we will need to recruit **three** new teachers for everey **two** now employed; 4) It would take half of all college graduates for each of the next 10 years to meet this demand; 5) We have now 9,200,000 pupils in the 14-17 age level but in 1965 there will be 14,200,000! The above constitute basic facts, the foundation of serious troubles, and can not be changed. These in themselves create a tremendous shortage of teachers, making a very restricted economic supply of a scarce commodity and resulting in an increasing market value of the same, higher salaries. Added to this shortage and increased demand due to increased number of pupils we have a rising salary level in the field of industries as shown below:

Average Wages 1953

Workers auto manufacturing — $4,947
Teachers big city high schools — $5,526
Coal mining — $4,198
Teachers small city high schools — $4,292
Electrical Machinery — $3,956
Teachers small city elementary schools — $3,682
Telephone operators N.Y. Tel. Co. — $3,224
Teachers small town elementary schools — $3,190

From this it can be seen that there is little incentive for a pupil to spend four years, or more, of his life, and a considerable capital investment in a vocation paying less than jobs in industry which pay as you learn. Earning over $10,000 per year were 41% of the physicians and surgeons, 28% of the lawyers and judges, and 24.6% of the dentists, and .95% of the teachers.

Why does anyone enter the teaching profession today? What are these basic figures going to do to every

salary paid any teacher in the years to come? No amount of unfavorable publicity or unkind belittling thinking can change the demand for teachers caused by children already born and who will be educated during the next 20 years.

Much is being written about the poor quality of education of today and most of it implies great superiority of past educational systems. How did we get into such dire circumstances, if we are in them, when the situations of today are the results of a supposedly superior educational system of previous generations? Certain it is that those now in school and yet to go to school can not be blamed for circumstances due to their parents and grandparents. We are trying to blame the newly born for errors of our own, and past generations, which errors actually may not be very great anyway. Somehow or another the people of the United States past and present, (and future, I'm sure) have given an account of themselves unmatched, and universally envied. We might ask, "How good can we get?" The answer is, of course, "Better." That's the premise we work with, and always will, but to do so and keep some small degree of sanity requires a judicious omission of much that is being popularized at the moment. For instance, reading is taking a "panning" at the moment (it was history a few years ago and it will be either math or spelling in a year or so.) Most of what is being written assumes that we know nothing about two things: 1) How to teach reading; 2) What results we are now getting.

Let's look briefly at results of nationally standardized tests given every year in Union No. 4. To avoid exact identification we will assume the grades taken to be fictitious, although the figures used are basically correct. Twenty four out of 35 in grade 6 scored above grade level in reading last April with the highest level above grade 10; 12 were at the 8th grade level or higher. In grade 5 fifteen out of 30 were above grade with 8 above

grade 7. More of the same could be quoted based on recorded facts but let's reverse the figures and say that 15 out of 30 were below grade level, which is true. Popularly these are the ones that get into print! But let's go one step further and say that the abilities of the pupils in this grade vary from border line feeblemindedness to high superiority, but none near the genius level. We are speaking here of those abilities necessary to acquire a high degree of reading ability or academic achievement. We are not considering mechanical, social, artistic, musical, or any number of other abilities. In summary we can say that our results are as anyone acquainted with human beings knows deep down in his heart and secretly admits to his conscience: an average grade will test average in accomplishment with bright pupils achieving brilliantly and dull ones doing below a standardized level with exceptions both ways occasionally thrown in for good measure; a mathematical average, whether of business profits or grade achievements, is composed of all elements both good and bad. Schools have one great handicap from the viewpoint of achieving only top quality results; We can not give the "pink slip" to those not improving our product! We might add here, in view of some recent publicity nationally, that it takes a mighty smart youngster with exceptional ability in mathematics to become an engineer; just requiring all pupils to take four years of high school math is not going to automatically produce atomic scientists but will produce an amazingly large number of flunks in high school!

Some few years ago the "better" schools were deemphasizing marks to such an extent that those of us who were still "old-fashioned" enough to cling to them were just not accepted as being quite normal! A recent article has been written stating that marks are very much in style, are perhaps being stressed too much not because of not being in step with modern trends but because so many scholarships are being offered putting a very high

premium on marks and slighting those which may have other abilities equally important, or more so, than those necessary to achieve good grades. And so the educational pendulum swings in another arc! Past performance is still one of the best indexes we have to predict future success.

The last legislature increased state aid to needy school districts from $900,000 to $1,200,000 which when read one way is a 50% increase but when looked at from another angle is a mere $300,000 hardly enough to build a high school for 150 pupils. When the tough educational problems facing us, and some are in Union No. 4, are carefully analyzed, this is a very small amount of money when compared with what some of us believe will be eventually necessary to even partially meet our educational needs. Canaan received $19,400 of state aid; Danbury $8,143; Alexandria and Orange some few dollars over $1,000. The first two are significant amounts but are small when compared with present and future needs (particularly the latter). Even towns not receiving aid at present, and who may never under a formula based on need as measured at present, may well require significant amounts of aid to meet future needs including salary spirals. The local real estate tax should not be expected to meet all of these costs and the state with its different sources of tax money will be required to help more or the federal government will be forced into educational fields because of its biggest source of revenues, the individual income tax of which New England contributes a share far in excess of its population. We are now paying for federal projects benefiting other sections of the country and should not be too squeamish about getting more of it back here, at least for capital improvements for schools, flood control and like projects. We believe in local control of education, the least amount of state control, and no federal control, if possible, but, at present, we can not foresee the local unit being able to

increase its contribution indefinitely, foresee the state as being reluctant to be financially realistic in its educational obligations, and only a hodgepodge of ideas at the national level. A state building aid bill was passed providing aid beginning with the school year of 1956-57 provided funds become available. This would pay up to 20% of outstanding debt for a current year of buildings approved by the Department of Education. It seems unwise to plan on receiving much from this source because it is too indefinite. This bill marks a step up in the right direction and we have hopes of its increasing in future years. Educational costs are bound to increase very materially in the years to come due to the pressure of more children, if for no other cause.

C. MAURICE GRAY
Superintendent

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

ITEMS	Expend. 1954–55	Budget 1955–56	Est. Bdgt 1956–57
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	$ 207.00	$ 197.00	$ 197.00
Supt's salary (local share)	197.83	209.87	237.15
Tax for state wide supervision	134.00	160.00	170.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	94.85	115.00	111.60
Supplies and expenses	142.56	185.00	260.00
Instruction			
Teachers' salaries	5,000.39	5,450.00	5,950.00
Books and other aids	4.17	100.00	100.00
Scholars' supplies	76.23	175.00	175.00
Supplies and other expenses	40.13	100.00	100.00
Operation of School Plant			
Salary of janitor	172.00	172.00	300.00
Fuel or heat	312.37	200.00	325.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	267.57	200.00	250.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	186.14	200.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	89.60	110.08	103.23
Transportation of pupils	3,931.60	4,000.00	4,800.00
Tuition, high school	5,720.04	6,600.00	6,200.00
Tuition, elementary	3,885.00	3,515.00	3,400.00
Special activities, spec. funds		10.00	10.00
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	359.08	372.00	400.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp.	159.15	132.36	47.30
Capital Outlay			
Additions and improvements	5,000.00		
Total Expenditures	**$ 25,979.71**	**$ 22,203.31**	**$ 23,336.28**

School Board's Estimate

Estimated Balance	$400.00
State Aid	1,000.00
Trust Funds	105.00
Total Other Than Property Taxes	$1,505.00
District Assessment	**21,831.28**
Total Appropriation	**$ 23,336.28**

The following article is suggested by the Tax Commission to provide for the appropriation:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 4 BUDGET 1954 - '55

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	$89.60	$56.00	$22.22	$94.85	$5.42	$197.83	$54.20	$520.12
Bridgewater	104.16	65.10	25.83	110.25	6.30	229.95	63.00	604.59
Bristol	634.72	396.70	157.69	673.05	38.46	1403.79	384.60	3689.01
Canaan	444.00	277.50	110.78	472.85	27.02	986.23	270.20	2588.58
Danbury	127.04	79.40	31.65	135.10	7.72	281.78	77.20	739.89
Grafton	108.96	68.10	27.10	115.68	6.61	241.26	66.10	633.81
Groton			12.26	52.32	2.99	109.14	29.90	206.61
Hebron	72.80	45.50	17.88	76.30	4.36	159.14	43.60	419.58
Orange	18.72	11.70	4.59	19.60	1.12	40.88	11.20	107.81
Totals	$1600.00	$1000.00	$410.00	$1750.00	$100.—	$3650.—	$1000.—	$9510.—

Be Sure to Attend Town Meetings

Bring this Report With You it May Help You To Follow The Meetings

Remember: "One Vote Can Be Very Important."

Selectmen's Office Hours Second and Last Thursdays of Every Month 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Office Phone 4-5063

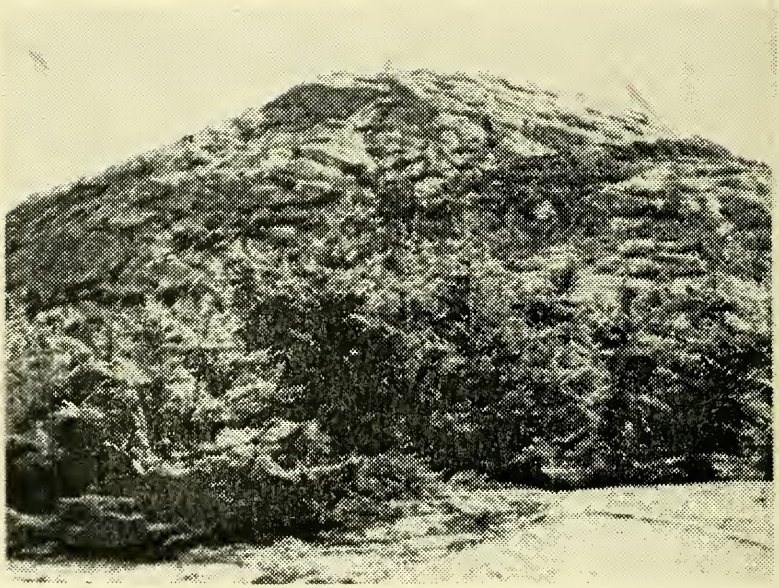
Tax Collector will Meet With Selectmen last Thursday of Every Month - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Be Sure to File an Inventory *In Full* Each Year

For Forest Fires: Call Lyle Gale Phone Bristol 4-5791

For Other Fires Call Bristol 4-3322

"The Summit"



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